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INTRODUCTION

SYMPOSIUM ON EU LAW DEVELOPMENTS IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR PIETER JAN KUIJPER

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This issue of the *Fordham International Law Journal* (“ILJ”) is in honor of Dr. Pieter Jan Kuijper on the occasion of his retirement from his chair as Professor of the Law of International (Economic) Organizations at the University of Amsterdam. Prior to assuming his chair in 2007, Dr. Kuijper had a distinguished career in the Legal Service of the EU Commission, culminating as the Director of the External Relations and International Trade team during 2002-2007. During 1999-2002, Dr. Kuijper served as the Director of the Legal Affairs Division of the World Trade Organization (“WTO”) secretariat in Geneva.

Professor Pieter Jan Kuijper received his law degree cum laude from the University of Leiden in 1970. His advanced degrees are an M.A. in International Relations from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and a Ph.D. in Law from the University of Amsterdam in 1978. He commenced his academic career as Lecturer in the Law of International Organizations at the University of Leiden, 1972-1979. Even after joining the Commission Legal Service in 1979, he taught as a visiting professor at the University of Michigan and Belgian and Dutch universities.

Naturally, Professor Kuijper has contributed significantly to academic scholarship. His latest prominent contribution is as co-author of P.J. Kuijper, J. Wouters, F. Hoffmeister, G. DeBaere & T. Ramopoulos, *The Law of EU External Relations* (Oxford 2013). He has authored numerous articles for European and American legal journals, including the ILJ, and has frequently lectured at academic and professional conferences. Professor Kuijper is currently the editor of the *Journal of International Economic Law* and of the *Legal Issues*

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Most of Pieter Jan Kuijper's professional life has been as a practicing lawyer in the EU Commission Legal Service. Particularly noteworthy is that he served as Legal Advisor to the Commission's negotiators in the Uruguay Round, which produced the WTO Agreement in 1994. He subsequently headed the Legal Service's WTO litigation team. All Commission Legal Service members frequently appear before the Court of Justice, but in addition Pieter Jan Kuijper often represented the Commission before WTO panels and in Appellate Body appeals. Thus, this ILJ issue pays tribute to him as combining a distinguished academic career with outstanding service as a lawyer.

This issue consists of eight articles, all on European Union law, and three student pieces on European national law matters. Particularly noteworthy is an authoritative article by Judge Allan Rosas, a senior member of the European Court of Justice, on the scope of EU exclusive competence in external relations, analyzing the initial EEC Treaty provisions and those of the current Treaty of Lisbon, together with the Court's leading precedents.

Three former colleagues of Professor Kuijper in the Commission Legal Service, Richard Lyal, Esa Paasivirta, and Bernhard Schima, and four academic colleagues, Piet Eeckhout, Laurence Gormley, René Smits, and Erika Szyszczak, have each contributed articles. These analyze current EU law issues on a variety of topics, including the current Monetary Union crisis response, fundamental rights protection issues, current free movement of goods concerns, and transfer tax issues.

This issue is accordingly a rich source of study on current EU law developments, highly appropriate as a tribute to Professor Pieter-Jan Kuijper.